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EPA-R5-2014-000823RR	27	Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Redaction Possible	Monica Onyszko	Brent Marable;Brent Marable	General Iron Complaint	11/24/2010	17,646
EPA-R5-2014-000823RR	28	Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Redaction Possible	Monica Onyszko	lee;lee,citizen,complaints;Brent Marable;Versia Boyd	EPA Rec'd Complaint re: General Iron	01/03/2011	4,235
EPA-R5-2014-000823RR	29	Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Redaction Possible	Monica Onyszko	Versia Boyd;Versia Boyd	Fw: EPA Rec'd Complaint re: General Iron	01/03/2011	8,770
EPA-R5-2014-000823RR	30	Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Redaction Possible	Brent Marable	Monica Onyszko;Versia Boyd	Fw: (CAA - FY11-80358-3714-CV) Referred to Region - Illinois	01/12/2011	14,315
EPA-R5-2014-000823RR	31	Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Redaction Possible	Monica Onyszko	Donna Howard;Donna Howard;Versia Boyd	Fw: EPA Rec'd Complaint re: General Iron	01/12/2011	6,235
EPA-R5-2014-000823RR	32	Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Redaction Possible	James Sperling	Monica Onyszko;Versia Boyd;Donna Howard	RE: U.S. EPA - Response to Complaint	10/14/2011	17,157
EPA-R5-2014-000823RR	33	Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Redaction Possible	George Bollweg	jameshsperling;Monica Onyszko;Versia Boyd;Donna Howard;Carlton Nash;Brent Marable;Maryann Suero	air pollution inquiry	10/17/2011	10,467
EPA-R5-2014-000823RR	34	Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Redaction Possible	George Bollweg	Monica Onyszko	Fw: air pollution inquiry	10/18/2011	22,949
EPA-R5-2014-000823RR	35	Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Redaction Possible	Monica Onyszko	George Bollweg;George Bollweg	Re: Fw: air pollution inquiry	10/20/2011	23,801
EPA-R5-2014-000823RR	36	Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Redaction Possible	George Bollweg	Monica Onyszko;sbuchna3;Virginia Evans;Mark Johnson	Fw: air pollution inquiry	10/28/2011	26,666
EPA-R5-2014-000823RR	37	Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Redaction Possible	Nathan Frank	Monica Onyszko;Versia Boyd;Donna Howard	Fw: (CAA - FY12-94182-3714-CV) Regional Tip and/or Complaint - Illinois	05/18/2012	8,320
EPA-R5-2014-000823RR	38	Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Redaction Possible	Monica Onyszko	scott;scott;howard;donna;boyd;versia;Nathan Frank	General Iron Complaint	05/21/2012	5,082

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Monica Onyszko /R5/USEPA/US

09/20/2010 04:01 PM

To Brent Marable

cc

bcc

Subject General Iron Complaint Follow-up

I e-mailed IEPA about getting the most current General Iron permit.

I spoke with the citizen about her complaint. The complaint record is below.

On a day with good weather, I can get a vehicle and go out to the facility (with a camera) or go out if the citizen calls again.

----- Forwarded by Monica Onyszko/R5/USEPA/US on 09/20/2010 03:57 PM -----



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5 - Air and Radiation Division

Air Enforcement Tracking System Complaint Form

Citizens ID Code :

5895

Source of Complaint :

☐ In Person
☐ Internet
☐ Internet - OECA
☐ Fax
☒ Phone
☐ Mail

☐ Other
☐ State
☐ Other Program Office

Type of Complaint :

☐ Asbestos Demo/Reno
☐ CFC
☒ Odor
☒ Other

Date Complaint Received :
Date/Time Record Created :
Person Entering Complaint :
Assigned To :
Date Assigned :
Date Response Due :
Date Response Completed :

09/17/2010
09/20/2010 01:47:04 PM
Monica Onyszko
Monica Onyszko
09/20/2010
10/05/2010
09/20/2010

Complainant's Information :

Name:
Address:
City:
State:
ZipCode:
E-mail Address:
Home Phone Number:
Work Phone Number:

[REDACTED]

Alleged Violator's Information:

Company/Individual's Name: GENERAL IRON INDUSTRIES INC.
Contact Person:
Street Address: 1909 N. CLIFTON AVENUE
City: CHICAGO
State: ILLINOIS
Zip Code: 60614
Phone Number:

Description of Complaint:

The citizen lives on Clybourn Ave. southeast of the facility and reports that at times there is blue-ish smoke or haze coming from the plant. She also said there is an accompanying odor.

Type of Response:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compliance Inspection Conducted | <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to Other Federal Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail | <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to Other State Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On-site Visit (Not an Inspection) | <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to State Environmental Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (such as Local Government) | <input type="checkbox"/> Warning Letter |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone or Letter Response | |

Comments:

EPA-R5-2014-000823RR-26

Monica Onyszko /R5/USEPA/US

11/23/2010 04:40 PM

To Brent Marable, Natalie Topinka

cc

bcc

Subject General Iron Complaint

FYI.

Also, I was working on some Abbott stuff today so I could answer a question for Versia. I will get on General Iron tomorrow.

Natalie - Let me know if you think you'll be doing CFC stuff at this plant and we can combine efforts. I'm out Thurs and Fri, but hope to have the NOV or FOV done by next week.

----- Forwarded by Monica Onyszko/R5/USEPA/US on 11/23/2010 04:38 PM -----



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5 - Air and Radiation Division

Air Enforcement Tracking System Complaint Form



11/23/2010

Citizens ID Code:

5981

Source of Complaint:

- ☐ In Person ☐ Fax ☐ Other
☐ Internet ☒ Phone ☐ State
☐ Internet - OECA ☐ Mail ☐ Other: Program Office

Type of Complaint:

- ☐ Asbestos Demo/Reno
☐ CFC
☒ Odor
☒ Other

Date Complaint Received:

11/23/2010

Date/Time Record Created:

11/23/2010 04:23:48 PM

Person Entering Complaint:

Monica Onyszko

Assigned To:

Monica Onyszko

Date Assigned:

11/23/2010

Date Response Due:

12/08/2010

Date Response Completed:

11/23/2010

Complainant's Information:

Ms. Onyszko phoned [REDACTED] on 09/20/10. [REDACTED] explained that the morning she phoned in the complaint (she couldn't remember if it was 9/16 or 9/17), the haze and odor coming from General Iron was especially bad. She lives in the Clybourn Lofts Building southeast of the plant. Ms. Onyszko told her that she requested a current permit from the EPA and will monitor the plant for potential permit violations. Ms. Onyszko gave [REDACTED] her phone number and asked her to call if she sees smoke or haze coming from the plant.

Ms. Onyszko also told her that air monitoring samples were collected at St. Josephat School, which is north of the facility (between Webster and Fullerton) and that harmful levels of pollution were not found:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opadadmpress.nsf/09BCBE3B78ABA468885257791007287AC>

Based on the monitoring results, EPA found no concern for risk of health problems from short-term or long-term

Attachment(s):

Attach Files Here ==>>:

Attach Links to EDMS Here ==>>:

Name: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
City: [REDACTED]
State: [REDACTED]
ZIP Code: [REDACTED]
E-mail Address: [REDACTED]
Home Phone Number: [REDACTED]
Work Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Alleged Violator's Information:

Company/Individual's Name: GENERAL IRON INDUSTRIES, INC.
Contact Person: [REDACTED]
Street Address: 1909 N. CLIFTON AVENUE
City: CHICAGO
State: IL
Zip Code: 60614
Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Description of Complaint:

[REDACTED] phoned Ms. Onysko around 4pm on 11/23/10 complaining of an odor and a blue haze coming from the General Iron plant. She said that the blue haze was going into Clybourn. She said that General Iron was putting cars into the shredder. [REDACTED] lives on a NE 6th floor unit in the Clybourn Lofts building.

Type of Response:

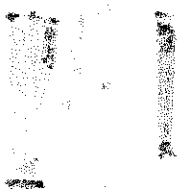
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| <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail | <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to Other State Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On-site Visit (Not an Inspection) | <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to State Environmental Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (such as Local Government) | <input type="checkbox"/> Warning Letter |

☐ Other (Please be specific regarding) ☐ Training Issues
☒ Phone or Letter Response

Comments:

Ms. Onysko told [REDACTED] that she has been out at the site in the past few weeks and noticed similar conditions. Ms. Onysko told [REDACTED] that she will add her complaint to the case file.

Attachment(s):



EPA-R5-2014-000823RR-27

Monica Onyszko /R5/USEPA/US
1/1/24/2010 10:50 AM

To Brent Marable
cc
bcc

Subject General Iron Complaint

FYI - I spoke to this citizen also and logged her complaint.

----- Forwarded by Monica Onyszko/R5/USEPA/US on 1/1/24/2010 10:49 AM -----



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5 - Air and Radiation Division

Air Enforcement Tracking System Complaint Form



Citizen's ID Code:
Source of Complaint:

5982
☐ In Person
☐ Internet
☐ Internet - OECA
☐ Fax
☒ Phone
☐ Mail
☐ Other
☐ State
☐ Other Program Office

Type of Complaint:

☐ Asbestos Demo/Reno
☐ CFC
☒ Odor
☒ Other

Date Complaint Received :
Date/Time Record Created :
Person Entering Complaint :
Assigned To :
Date Assigned :
Date Response Due :
Date Response Completed :
11/23/2010
11/24/2010 08:48:28 AM
Monica Onyszko
Monica Onyszko
11/23/2010
12/08/2010
11/23/2010

Complainant's Information:

Name:
Address:
City:
State:
ZipCode:

Attach Files Here ==>>:

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E-mail Address:
Home Phone Number:
Work Phone Number:

Alleged Violator's Information:

Company/Individual's Name: GENERAL IRON INDUSTRIES INC.
Contact Person:
Street Address: 1909 N. CLIFTON AVENUE
City: CHICAGO
State: IL
Zip Code: 60614
Phone Number:

Description of Complaint:

phoned in a complaint about a metal scrap factory off Clybourn that likely is General Iron. She said she has seen them processing scrap and has seen debris in the air that is accompanied by fumes. She said that while shopping at Jaysen Home & Garden (at 1885 North Clybourn Ave., which is <0.2 miles from General Iron) she has felt sick, light-headed and nauseous from the horrible smells coming from the scrap processing plant. She said that the employees at Jaysen Home & Garden have felt the same way when fumes are strong. When asked if she can tell if she is seeing smoke or steam coming from the plant, she said that it is smoke because it hangs in the air and drifts off. When asked how far she has seen the smoke travel, said she has seen it cross the property line and into Jaysen Home & Garden. She said she has noticed the smoke and fumes for the past four months, but it seems heavier in the past two months. also said that she probably knows at least three other people that have the same complaint about the plant and they could also phone in complaints.

Type of Response:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail | <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to Other State Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On-site Visit (Not an Inspection) | <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to State Environmental Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (such as Local Government) | <input type="checkbox"/> Warning Letter |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone or Letter Response | |

Comments:

Ms. Onyszko told M [REDACTED] that she has been out at the site in the past few weeks and noticed similar conditions. Ms. Onyszko told [REDACTED] that she will add her complaint to the case file. She also mentioned the air monitoring study at St. Josephat School, which is north of the facility (between Webster and Fullerton) and that harmful levels of pollution were not found:
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/09BCBE3B78ABAA6888525791007287AC>

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EPA-R5-2014-000823RR-28

Monica Onyszko /R5/USEPA/US

01/03/2011 02:16 PM

cc citizen.complaints

bcc Brent Marable, Versia Boyd

Subject EPA Recd Complaint re: General Iron

[REDACTED]
I received your voicemail from last Wednesday and am back in the office today to respond to it.

You asked about air emission testing done in the vicinity of Kenmore and Clybourn in Chicago. Air monitoring samples were collected at St. Josephat School, located at 2245 N. Southport, which is about a half mile north of Kenmore and Clybourn. In this study, harmful levels of pollution were not found:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/advpress.nsf/09BCBE3B78ABAA68885257791007287AC>

"Based on the monitoring results, EPA found no concern for risk of health problems from short-term or long-term exposures to hexavalent chromium, lead, or other toxic metals. EPA is pleased to share this good news with the school and the community. Because no concentrations of concern were found, monitoring has been discontinued at the school."

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We received complaints similar to yours from other citizens about that area. Recently, EPA found violations at General Iron, which is located along Marcey and Cortland. I suspect this is the facility that you were referring to in your phone complaint. If not, please let me know.

For your information, attached is the Notice of Violation that was sent to General Iron on 12/16/10. We are in the process of setting up a date to have a meeting to discuss the alleged violations.

[attachment "General Iron NOV 12-16-10.PDF" deleted by Monica Onyszko/R5/USEPA/US]

Please contact me if you would like to discuss this further. Thank you for reporting your environmental concerns.

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77 W. Jackson Boulevard, AE-17J
Chicago, IL 60604
Phone: (312) 353-5139

EPA-R5-2014-000823RR-29

Monica Onyszko/R5/USEPA/US

01/03/2011 02:21 PM

To Versia Boyd

cc

bcc

Subject Fw: EPA Rec'd Complaint re: General Iron

Hi Versia - I got an e-mail from you on 08/08/07 saying that we should copy citizen.complaints@epa.gov on e-mails we send in response to citizen complaints. I just did that and the e-mail did not go through. Is there a new e-mail address to copy?

Thanks,
Monica

----- Forwarded by Monica Onyszko/R5/USEPA/US on 01/03/2011 02:16 PM -----

Delivery Failure Report

Your message: EPA Rec'd Complaint re: General Iron
was not delivered to: <citizen.complaints@epa.gov>
because: User citizen.complaints (citizen.complaints@epa.gov) not listed in Domino Directory

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cc: citizen.complaints@epa.gov

Fax: (312) 353-8289

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EPA-R5-2014-000823RR-30

Brent Marable/R5/USEPA/US

01/12/2011 10:53 AM

To Monica Onyszko

cc Versia Boyd

bcc

Subject Fw: (CAA - FY11-80358-3714-CV) Referred to Region - Illinois

could this be general iron

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From: Versia Boyd/R5/USEPA/US
To: Brent Marable/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 01/11/2011 06:45 AM
Subject: Fw: (CAA - FY11-80358-3714-CV) Referred to Region - Illinois

Hi Brent, please assign and let me know who you assign this to. Please copy Donna Howard, Complainant and myself on the response. Thanks

Versia Boyd
Media Specialist
Air and Radiation Division
U.S. EPA Region 5
(312) 353-4353
(312) 384-5484 (fax)
boyd.versia@epa.gov
----- Forwarded by Versia Boyd/R5/USEPA/US on 01/11/2011 06:23 AM -----

FWD: (CAA - FY11-80358-3714-CV) Referred to Region - Illinois

Donna Howard to: Versia Boyd

01/10/2011 01:06 PM

01/10/2011

Date: 02:16:04 PM Today

Subject: EPA Rec'd Complaint re: General Iron

Hello [REDACTED]

I received your voicemail from last Wednesday and am back in the office today to respond to it.

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SUBJECT: FWD: (CAA - FY11-80358-3714-CV) Referred to Region - Illinois
FROM: howard.donna@epa.gov
TO: boyd.versa@epa.gov
CC:

-----Original Message-----

12/16/2010 12:07 AM

HQ LEAD NUMBER: FY11-80358-3714-CV

SUBJECT: Referred to Region - Illinois

FROM: jameshsperling@hotmail.com

TO:

[REDACTED]

Alleged Violator's Name: Finkl Steel, Sipi Steel

Alleged Violator's Address: Lincoln Park (Chicago)

Alleged Violator's City: Chicago

Alleged Violator's State: Illinois

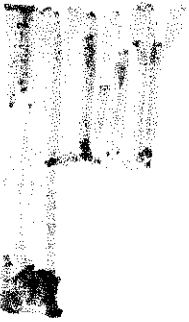
Alleged Violator's Zip: 60614

Tip or Complaint: My family lives near the intersection of Fullerton and Surrey, in close proximity to a few steel plants including Finkl Steel and Sipi Steel. The air outside our home tonight is practically unbreathable. It smells extremely polluted (metallic and laden w/ toxins). I would like to learn what is being emitted tonight, how frequently these emissions occur (we smell this air pollution 2-4 times per month), and the health risks from the pollution. A quick google search indicated Lead, Nickel, Chromium, Molybdenum Trioxide and Cadmium are some of the toxins being emitted from these facilities. I would like to know how much of the toxins were emitted tonight, and their health risks. I have 2 daughters who are my primary concern, but am also aware of 2 women who live in close proximity who recently had complications with their pregnancies (one lost her child from an unusual hydrops condition, and the other's child had a birth defect in his lung); and would like to know if theres and potential linkage to these toxins being emitted. Thanks for any information and help you can provide. Specific Directions: My family lives near the intersection of [REDACTED] Lincoln Park Chicago, IL which is in close proximity to the A Finkl and Sipi

Steel facilities.

Violation Still Occurring? Yes

State DEP/DEQ/DEM Notified? Yes



EPA-R5-2014-000823RR-31

Monica Onyszko/R5/USEPA/US

01/12/2011 05:07 PM

To: Donna Howard

cc: Versia Boyd

bcc:

Subject: Fw: EPA Rec'd Complaint re: General Iron

FYI - I didn't know to include Donna Howard on a citizen complaint response.

----- Forwarded by Monica Onyszko/R5/USEPA/US on 01/12/2011 05:06 PM -----

From: Monica Onyszko/R5/USEPA/US
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: citizen.complaints@epa.gov
Date: 01/03/2011 02:16 PM
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EPA-R5-2014-000823RR-32

[REDACTED]
10/14/2011 05:36 PM

To: Monica Onyszko, Versia Boyd, Donna Howard
cc
bcc
Subject: RE: U.S. EPA - Response to Complaint

Hi Monica,
My wife just had her second miscarriage since we moved into close proximity to these plants. Miscarriages happen frequently so I don't want to come off insistent that the plant's stated emissions of Lead, Nickel, Chromium, Molybdenum Trioxide and Cadmium could be responsible, but this is now the fourth incident I am aware of women who live in close proximity to the plants having complications with their pregnancies (...and I don't know that many women/there may be more). Again, one woman I know had a child with Hydrops that died within 6 mos of birth, another woman has a son that has a significant lung defect, and my wife has had 2 miscarriages since we moved here after having 2 healthy daughters when we lived away from the plants. Each of the women live within a mile of the plants. I am hopeful you can help advise if there are any tests we can do either on my wife or the miscarried tissue, or if you or the EPA can investigate in any way the plant's emissions. Thanks very much in advance for the help here, and please call when available.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

> Subject: U.S. EPA - Response to Complaint
> To: [REDACTED]
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George Bollweg/R5/USEPA/US

10/17/2011 12:33 PM

To [REDACTED]

cc Monica Onyszko, Versia Boyd, Donna Howard, Carlton Nash, Brent Marable, Maryann Suero

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Subject air pollution inquiry

[REDACTED] I work on air pollution risk assessment issues in USEPA Region 5's Air and Radiation Division, and the email string below was forwarded to me. My condolences to you and your family. I telephoned you and left a message and am following up with this note.

A question and suggestion: have you contacted the regional Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (PEHSU)? Their website (<http://www.ahec.org/pehsu/index.html>) states they are "...a source of medical information and advice on environmental conditions that influence children's health". This sounds well-matched to the concerns you list below, and there is a Great Lakes PEHSU in Chicago.

Region 5

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Great Lakes Centers' Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit
Academic Affiliation: University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health
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Location: Chicago, Illinois

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The PEHSU staff may have specific expertise and data pertaining to your questions, e.g. incidence and prevalence of the conditions/events you mention. If you're not able to get through, please let me know and I'll make other contacts.

thanks, George B. (312-353-5598)

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George Bollweg/R5/USEPA/US
10/18/2011 03:18 PM

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> Marable.Brent@epamail.epa.gov; Suero.Maryann@epamail.epa.gov

> From: Bollweg, George@epamail.epa.gov

>> Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2011 12:33:36 -0500

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George Bollweg /R5/USEPAUS

10/28/2011 02:55 PM

To: Monica Onyszko

cc: sbuchna3, Virginia Evans, Mark Johnson

bcc

Subject: Fw: air pollution inquiry

Hi Monica - one other issue arose regarding Mr. Sperling's inquiry - in your 10/17/2011 08:54 AM email to Brent Marable that was part of what was forwarded to me, you attached text from January 2011 (see below) mentioning other complaints and a Notice of Violation at facilities near Mr. Sperling's neighborhood. Do you know whether these violations were mostly related to excessive air pollutant emissions, or more due to administrative-type problems (e.g. paperwork or record keeping)? If you would, please copy all in your response to better inform those who plan to contact Mr. Sperling early next week.

thanks, George B. (312-353-5598)

> Subject: U.S. EPA - Response to Complaint
> To: [REDACTED]
> CC: Boyd.Versia@epamail.epa.gov; Howard.Donna@epamail.epa.gov
> From: Onyszko.Monica@epamail.epa.gov
> Date: Wed, 12 Jan 2011 17:05:37 -0600

"...

> We received complaints similar to yours from other citizens about that
> area. Recently, EPA found violations at General Iron, which is located
> along Marcey and Cortland. I suspect this may be the facility that you
> were referring to in your phone complaint. If you suspect that A. Finkl
> & Sons or Sipi Metals are potentially in violation of the Clean Air Act,
> please let me know.
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> For your information, attached is the Notice of Violation that was sent
> to General Iron on 12/16/10. We will be meeting soon with facility
> personnel to discuss the alleged violation."
----- Forwarded by George Bollweg/R5/USEPAUS on 10/28/2011 02:34 PM -----

From: George Bollweg/R5/USEPAUS
To: Monica Onyszko/R5/USEPAUS@EPA
Date: 10/20/2011 01:52 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: air pollution inquiry

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> [REDACTED] - I work on air pollution risk assessment issues in USEPA
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> > Region 5's Air and Radiation Division, and the email string below was
> > forwarded to me. My condolences to you and your family. I telephoned
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thanks Monica

Monica Onyszko Ok. I won't look into this any more, but if you need something from me... 10/20/2011 11:44:15 AM

From: Monica Onyszko/R5/USEPA/US
To: George Bollweg/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 10/20/2011 11:44 AM
Subject: Re: Fw: air pollution inquiry

Ok. I won't look into this any more, but if you need something from me, just let me know.

George Bollweg Hi again - FYI, looks like ATSDR got involved too - you can ignore the... 10/18/2011 03:18:20 PM

From: George Bollweg/R5/USEPA/US
To: Monica Onyszko/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 10/18/2011 03:18 PM
Subject: Fw: air pollution inquiry

Hi again - FYI, looks like ATSDR got involved too - you can ignore the note below. thanks

----- Forwarded by George Bollweg/R5/USEPA/US on 10/18/2011 03:17 PM -----

From: George Bollweg/R5/USEPA/US
To: Monica Onyszko/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 10/18/2011 11:44 AM
Subject: Fw: air pollution inquiry

Hi Monica - sorry to drag you back to this, but your initial note indicated you'd recently looked at some of the local air pollutant emissions near [REDACTED]. Do you know the answer to his question ("...is the attached Excel file from the EPA.gov website database the best aggregation of emissions data in the vicinity...")? thanks

----- Forwarded by George Bollweg/R5/USEPA/US on 10/18/2011 11:40 AM -----

From: [REDACTED]
To: George Bollweg/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 10/18/2011 10:22 AM
Subject: Fw: air pollution inquiry

Hi George, is the attached Excel file from the EPA.gov website database the best aggregation of emissions data in the vicinity, or do you have

more detailed roll-ups of air emissions of Chromium, Cadmium, Nickel, Lead, Mercury in zip codes 60614 and 60622 that you may be able to send. Also, I see a few discrepancies in the various reports on EPA.gov. 1 report shows Finkl Steel emitting 1000 lbs/yr of Chromium, while another says 113. Thanks for the help here,

From: [REDACTED]
To: sbucha3@uic.edu
Subject: RE: air pollution inquiry
Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2011 22:55:07 -0400

Hi Susan, thanks for your reply. I looked through the EPA's Toxic Release Inventory and it lists the Finkl & Sons and Sipri Steel facilities as having air emissions of Lead, Nickel, Chromium, Molybdenum Trioxide and Cadmium. A spreadsheet produced from the EPA website database is attached showing the aggregate annual emissions the EPA has compiled for zip code 60614. The EPA site also enables a deeper dive into specific facilities. For example it shows Finkl & Sons on Armitage and Clybourn as emitting 1000 pounds of Chromium air emissions in its most recent complete test year (but also indicates the year was 1988). What gets me concerned is the EPA site does indicate Chromium(O) is used in steel production and is a toxin that affects organ systems including immune, renal and respiratory (see below). George at the EPA has not provided me any information at this point, he just pointed me in your direction. Please let me know what information I should request of him, any suggestions or recommendations for next steps, or if you have any insight into whether emissions of these metals Lead, Nickel, Chromium, Molybdenum Trioxide and Cadmium could have played a role. Thanks so much for your attention and help here,

**For one of AJ Finkl's area facilities:
Chemicals Released
to Air**

<u>Chemical Name</u>	<u>TRI</u> <u>Chemical Id</u>	<u>Document Control</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Release</u>	<u>Release Basis</u> <u>Est Code</u>	<u>Environmental Medium</u>
CHROMIUM	007440473	1310208815377	37		STACK OR POINT EMISSIONS
CHROMIUM	007440473	1310208815377	76		FUGITIVE OR NON-POINT EMISSIONS
LEAD	007439921	1310208815391	6		STACK OR POINT EMISSIONS
MANGANESE	007439965	1310208815403	45		FUGITIVE OR NON-POINT EMISSIONS
MANGANESE	007439965	1310208815403	226		STACK OR POINT EMISSIONS
MOLYBDENUM TRIOXIDE	001313275	1310208815415	17		STACK OR POINT EMISSIONS
MOLYBDENUM TRIOXIDE	001313275	1310208815415	26		FUGITIVE OR NON-POINT EMISSIONS
NICKEL	007440020	1310208815439	6		STACK OR POINT EMISSIONS
NICKEL	007440020	1310208815439	88		FUGITIVE OR NON-POINT EMISSIONS
ZINC (FUME OR DUST)	007440666	1310208815454	74		STACK OR POINT EMISSIONS

Chromium

CAS ID #: 7440-47-3

Affected Organ Systems: Immunological (Immune System), Renal (Urinary System or Kidney/s), Respiratory (From the Nose to the Lungs)

[REDACTED]

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> From: " [REDACTED] "

> To: lnickels@uic.edu

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Nathan Frank/R5/USEPA/US

05/18/2012 04:05 PM

To Monica Onyszko

cc Versia Boyd, Donna Howard

bcc

Subject Fw: (CAA - FY12-94182-3714-CV) Regional Tip and/or Complaint - Illinois

Monica,

Here's a complaint about General Iron that slipped through the cracks.

Thanks!

Nathan A. Frank, P.E.

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----- Forwarded by Nathan Frank/R5/USEPA/US on 05/18/2012 04:04 PM -----

From: Donna Howard/R5/USEPA/US@EPA

To: Versia Boyd/R5/USEPA/US@EPA

Cc: Nathan Frank/R5/USEPA/US@EPA

Date: 04/26/2012 10:55 AM

Subject: FWD: (CAA - FY12-94182-3714-CV) Regional Tip and/or Complaint - Illinois

04/26/2012

SUBJECT: FWD: (CAA - FY12-94182-3714-CV) Regional Tip and/or Complaint - Illinois

FROM: howard.donna@epa.gov

TO: boyd.versia@epa.gov

CC: Frank.Nathan@epa.gov

-----Original Message-----

4/23/2012 4:39 AM

HQ LEAD NUMBER: FY12-94182-3714-CV

SUBJECT: Regional Tip and/or Complaint - Illinois

FROM:

TO:

[REDACTED]

Alleged Violator's Name: General Iron

Alleged Violator's Address: 1909 Clifton

Alleged Violator's City: Chicago

Alleged Violator's State: Illinois

Alleged Violator's Zip: 60614

Tip or Complaint: The particulate pollution released by General Iron seems to have increased substantially. Based on previous information received I believe Gene is now in violation of pollution laws.

Violation Still Occurring? Yes

State DEP/DEQ/DEM Notified? No

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Monica Onyszko /R5/USEPA/US

05/21/2012 02:05 PM

cc

bcc howard.donna, boyd.versia, Nathan Frank

Subject General Iron Compliant

[REDACTED]

I received your complaint (below) regarding General Iron. I want to let you know that they have been cited for violating the Clean Air Act. Please see: [http://yosemite.epa.gov/r5/5ard.nsf/6a2817f3f71298e28625759a0045ba96/1829e743d8b7bed68625784f007b3b3b/\\$FILE/ard-018578.pdf](http://yosemite.epa.gov/r5/5ard.nsf/6a2817f3f71298e28625759a0045ba96/1829e743d8b7bed68625784f007b3b3b/$FILE/ard-018578.pdf).

We've been in discussions with them regarding their noncompliant operation. We are close to signing a document that would require them to install additional pollution controls at their facility, which should bring them into compliance with the Clean Air Act. This document will be available on the internet once it is finalized.

If you would like to further discuss your complaint, please contact me at the number below.

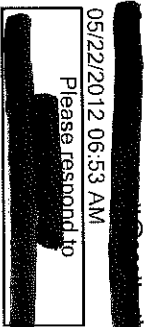
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SUBJECT: Regional Tip and/or Complaint - Illinois

FROM: [REDACTED]

EPA-R5-2014-000823RR-39



05/22/2012 06:53 AM

Please respond to

To: Monica Onyszko

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Subject: Re: General Iron Compliant

Thanks for your reply but why are they still operating if they've been non-compliant for 18 months?

From: Monica Onyszko <Onyszko.Monica@epamail.epa.gov>

To:

Sent: Monday, May 21, 2012 2:05 PM

Subject: General Iron Compliant

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Violation Still Occurring? Yes

State DEP/DEQ/DEM Notified? No

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Monica Onyszko /R5/USEPA/US

05/22/2012 10:28 AM

To [REDACTED]

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Subject Re: General Iron Compliant

[REDACTED]

We cited General Iron for the incident we observed on Nov. 9, 2010, but do not have evidence after that date that they are operating in violation of their permit. I actually happen to pass by the facility on my own time and have not seen fugitive emissions like those that I saw on Nov. 9, 2010. If you have evidence that they are operating in violation of their permit conditions, please share that with me.

Thanks,
Monica

Scott Nations

Thanks for your reply but why are they still operating if they've been n... 05/22/2012 06:53:58 AM

From: [REDACTED]
To: Monica Onyszko/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 05/22/2012 06:53 AM
Subject: Re: General Iron Compliant

Thanks for your reply but why are they still operating if they've been non-compliant for 18 months?
From: Monica Onyszko <Onyszko.Monica@epamail.epa.gov>
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2012 2:05 PM
Subject: General Iron Compliant

[REDACTED]

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Monica Onyszko/R5/USEPA/US

11/29/2012 12:25 PM

To Nathan Frank

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Subject General Iron Complaint

FY1 - I did this "Citizen Complaint" record and an "Off-Site Compliance Monitoring Evaluation" record. Short story of what I saw: mostly steam. I just called the citizen to follow-up with her and left her a VM

Forwarded by Monica Onyszko/R5/USEPA/US on 11/29/2012 12:23 PM -----



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5 - Air and Radiation Division

Air Enforcement Tracking System Complaint Form

Citizens ID Code :
Source of Complaint :

6527
☐ In Person
☐ Internet
☐ Internet - OECA
☐ Fax
☒ Phone
☐ Mail
☐ Other
☐ State
☐ Other Program Office

Type of Complaint :

☐ Asbestos Demo/Reno
☐ CFC
☐ Odor
☒ Other

Date Complaint Received :
Date/Time Record Created :
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Date Assigned :
Date Response Due :
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11/29/2012
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Monica Onyszko
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Complainant's Information :

Name :
Address :
City :
State :

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Zip Code:
E-mail Address:
Home Phone Number:
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Alleged Violator's Information:

Company/Individual's Name: GENERAL IRON INDUSTRIES INC.
Contact Person:
Street Address: 1909 N. CLIFTON AVENUE
City: CHICAGO
State: IL
Zip Code: 60614
Phone Number:

Description of Complaint:

The citizen's 11/29/12 voicemail said that she was at the intersection of Clybourn and Armitage in Chicago and saw a cloud of white smoke hanging over the intersection that looked bad. She said it was coming from General Iron on Marcey St. She has children and doesn't understand what is happening with the facility and the smoke.

Type of Response:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Compliance Inspection Conducted | <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to Other Federal Agency |
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Comments:

Ms. Onyszko went to the vicinity of General Iron on 11/29/12. She observed shredder operations from an offsite location (Kinsbury and Cortland) from about 10:50am to 11:25am. The shredder was operating and generating steam. There were a few instances when smoke was visible. It was entrained below with the steam. Smoke emissions did not violate the 30%, 6-minute average opacity standard found in 212.123 of the IL SIP. Smoke did not cross the property line. Ms. Onyszko phoned [REDACTED] and told her of her observations and explained that General Iron signed and ACO and will install a filter system.

Attachment(s):

Attach Files Here ==>>:

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Monica Onyszko/R5/USEPA/US

11/29/2012 12:53 PM

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Subject: General Iron Info

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Monica Onyszko /R5/USEPA/US

11/29/2012 12:55 PM

To Nathan Frank, Kathleen Schnieders

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Subject Fw: General Iron Info

FYI - Citizen complaint this morning for General Iron, I went out and long story short - it was mostly steam. The citizen and I chatted on the phone and I followed up with an e-mail too.

----- Forwarded by Monica Onyszko/R5/USEPA/US on 11/29/2012 12:53 PM -----

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To:

Date: 11/29/2012 12:53 PM

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11/29/2012 02:16 PM

To Monica Onyszko

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Subject Re: General Iron Info

Thank you Monica!

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 29, 2012, at 12:53 PM, Onyszko.Monica@epamail.epa.gov wrote:

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Hoff, David

From: Onyszko, Monica
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2013 4:57 PM
To: Frank, Nathan; Schnieders, Kathleen
Subject: FW: seeking information on ACO with General Iron Industries, Inc.

FYI – Here's the response I sent to the citizen. I have a car reserved to go out the morning of 11/26.

With regards to the FOIA, I gave Ashadee my General Iron folder today, but still need to look at my electronic stuff.

From: Onyszko, Monica
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2013 4:41 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: seeking information on ACO with General Iron Industries, Inc.

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